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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Melan-A-Carrier Conjugates**
Inventors: BACHMANN *et al.*
Our Ref: 1700.0590000/BJD/WBC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee for filing an Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) listing 2 documents (AJ3 and AK3);
4. Form PTO/SB/08B (4 sheets) listing 35 documents (NPL135-NPL169);
5. Copies of cited documents (NPL135-NPL169); and
6. Return postcard.

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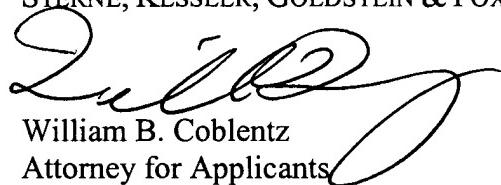
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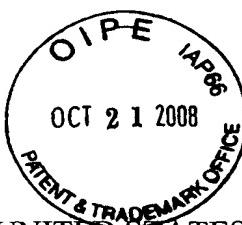
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Copies of documents **NPL135** to **NPL169** are submitted. However, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), copies of U.S. patents and patent application publications, documents **AJ3** and **AK3**, cited on the attached IDS Forms are not submitted.

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